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CLAIMS

We claim:

1. A method to train image classification, comprising
measuring noise in a first image; and
10 training a classification model from the noise to classify a second image as a
natural image versus an artificial image from noise.
2. The method of claim 1, wherein measuring noise further comprises:
generating a noise-reduced third image from the first image;
15 determining the difference between the first image and the third image;
and
aggregating the difference into a noise feature vector, and
wherein training a classification model from the noise further comprises:
training a classification model from the noise feature vector.
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3. The method of claim 1, wherein generating a noise-reduced third image further
comprises:
applying a median filter to the first image.
- 25 4. The method of claim 1, wherein generating a noise-reduced third image further
comprises:
applying a Gaussian filter to the first image.
5. The method of claim 1, wherein generating a noise-reduced third image further
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applying a Wiener filter to the first image.
6. The method of claim 1, wherein the first image further comprises a frame in a
video stream.

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- 5 7. A method to train image classification, comprising:
generating a feature vector from an image; and
training a classification model to classify a second image as a slide image versus a
comic image, from the feature vector.
- 10 8. The method of claim 7, wherein generating a feature vector from an image further
comprises:
generating an aggregated feature vector from an image.
- 15 9. The method of claim 7, wherein generating a feature vector from an image further
comprises:
generating a feature vector from any combination of at least one feature of an
image selected from the group consisting of at least one text block feature
of the image, at least one edge feature of the image, at least one aspect
ratio of the image.
- 20 10. The method of claim 7, wherein the image further comprises a frame in a video
stream.
- 25 11. A method to classify an image as a slide image versus a comic image, comprising:
receiving a feature vector of the image;
classifying the image as slide image versus comic image, from the feature vector;
and
generating the classification of the image.
- 30 12. The method of claim 11, wherein the classification is performed on a set of video
frames of a video sequence, and the most likely classification result emerging out of the
classification results of the individual frames is taken as the class of the video sequence.
- 35 13. The method of claim 11, further comprising:

5 generating a feature vector from any combination of at least one feature of an
image selected from the group consisting of at least one text block feature
of the image, at least one edge feature of the image, at least one aspect
ratio of the image.

10 14. A method to classify an image as natural image versus artificial image, further
comprising:

receiving a feature vector of the image;

classifying the image as natural image versus artificial image, from the feature
vector; and

15 generating the classification of the image.

15. The method of claim 14, wherein the classification is performed on a set of video
frames of a video sequence, and the most likely classification result emerging out of the
classification results of the individual frames is taken as the class of the video sequence.

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16. The method of claim 14, wherein the feature vector further comprises a noise
vector.

17. The method of claim 14, wherein the feature vector further comprises a sharpness
25 vector.

18. An image classification system comprising:
a feature extraction component, extracting a feature that distinguishes an image
between a naturally-looking image versus an artificially-looking image;
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a training system, operably coupled to the feature extraction component.

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19. The system of claim 18, wherein the image further comprises a frame in a video
stream.

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5 20. The system of claim 18, wherein the classification is performed on a set of video frames of a video sequence, and the most likely classification result emerging out of the classification results of the individual frames is taken as the class of the video sequence.

10 21. A system to classify an image comprising:
a processor;
a storage device coupled to the processor;
software means operative on the processor to train classification of at least one of images as either a natural image or an artificial image.

15 22. The system of claim 21, wherein the at least one image further comprises at least one frame in a video stream.

20 23. The system of claim 21, wherein the software means further comprises:
a generator of a noise vector of each of the at least one image.

25 24. A system to classify an image, comprising:
a processor;
a storage device coupled to the processor;
software means operative on the processor to train classification of at least one image as either a slide image or an comic image.

25. The system of claim 24, wherein the at least one image further comprises at least one frame in a video stream.

30 26. The system of claim 24, the software means further comprising:
a generator of a feature vector from any combination of at least one feature of an image selected from the group consisting of at least on text block feature of the image, at least one edge feature of the image, at least one aspect ratio of the image.

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5 27. A system to classify an image, comprising:
 a processor;
 a storage device coupled to the processor; and
 software means operative on the processor to classify an image as either a natural
 image or an artificial image.

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28. The system of claim 27, wherein the image further comprises a frame in a video
stream.

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29. The system of claim 27, wherein the software means further comprises:
 a generator of a noise vector of the image.

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30. A system to classify an image, comprising:
 a processor;
 a storage device coupled to the processor; and
 software means operative on the processor to classify an image as either a slide
 image or an comic image.

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31. The system of claim 30, wherein the image further comprises a frame in a video
stream.

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32. The system of claim 30, the software means further comprising:
 a generator of a feature vector from any combination of at least one feature of an
 image selected from the group consisting of at least on text block feature
 of the image, at least one edge feature of the image, at least one aspect
 ratio of the image.

33. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions to cause a
computer to perform a method comprising:
 generating a feature vector from a first image; and

- 5 training a classification model to classify a second image as a natural image
 versus an artificial image, from the feature vector.

34. The computer-readable medium of claim 33, wherein the first image further
comprises a frame in a video stream.

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35. The computer-readable medium of claim 33, wherein the feature vector further
comprises a noise feature.

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36. The computer-readable medium of claim 33, wherein the feature vector further
comprises a edge-sharpness feature.

37. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions to cause a
computer to perform a method comprising:

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 generating a feature vector from a first image; and
 training a classification model to classify a second image as a slide image versus a
 comic image, from the feature vector.

38. The computer-readable medium of claim 37, wherein the first image further
comprises a frame in a video stream.

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39. The computer-readable medium of claim 37, wherein the generating a feature
vector from a first image further comprises:

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 generating a feature vector from any combination of at least one feature of an
 image selected from the group consisting of at least on text block feature
 of the image, at least one edge feature of the image, at least one aspect
 ratio of the image.

40. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions to cause a
computer to perform a method comprising:

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 receiving a feature vector of the image;

5 classifying the image as slide image versus comic image, from the feature vector;
 and
 generating the classification of the image.

41. The computer-readable medium of claim 40, wherein the classification is
10 performed on a set of video frames of a video sequence, and the most likely classification
 result emerging out of the classification results of the individual frames is taken as the
 class of the video sequence.

42. The computer-readable medium of claim 39, wherein the method further
15 comprises:
 generating a feature vector from any combination of at least one feature of an
 image selected from the group consisting of at least on text block feature
 of the image, at least one edge feature of the image, at least one aspect
 ratio of the image.

43. A computer-readable medium having computer-executable instructions to cause a
20 computer to perform a method comprising:
 receiving a feature vector of the image;
 classifying the image as natural image versus an artificial image, from the feature
 vector; and
25 generating the classification of the image.

44. The computer-readable medium of claim 42, wherein the classification is
 performed on a set of video frames of a video sequence, and the most likely classification
30 result emerging out of the classification results of the individual frames is taken as the
 class of the video sequence.

45. An apparatus to classify at least one image, comprising:
 a processor;
35 a storage device coupled to the processor; and

- 5 a software component operative on the processor to train classification of at least one image as either a natural image or an artificial image.

46. The apparatus of claim 44, wherein the at least one image further comprises at least one frame in a video stream.

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47. The apparatus of claim 44, wherein the software component further comprises: a generator of a noise vector of each of the at least one image.

48. An apparatus to classify at least one image, comprising:

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a processor;

a storage device coupled to the processor;

a software component operative on the processor to train classification of at least one image as either a slide image or an comic image.

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49. The apparatus of claim 47, wherein the at least one image further comprises at least one frame in a video stream.

50. The apparatus of claim 47, the software component further comprising:

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a generator of a feature vector from any combination of at least one feature of an image selected from the group consisting of at least one text block feature of the image, at least one edge feature of the image, at least one aspect ratio of the image.

51. An apparatus to classify an image, comprising:

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a processor;

a storage device coupled to the processor; and

a software component operative on the processor to classify an image as either a natural image or an artificial image.

5 52. The apparatus of claim 51, wherein the classifying is performed on a set of video frames of a video sequence, and the most likely classification result emerging out the classification results of the individual frames is taken as the class of the video sequence.

10 53. The apparatus of claim 51, wherein the software component further comprises:
a generator of a noise vector of the image.

54. The apparatus of claim 51, wherein the software component further comprises:
a generator of a sharpness vector of the image.

15 55. An apparatus to classify an image, comprising:
a processor;
a storage device coupled to the processor; and
a software component operative on the processor to classify an image as either a
slide image or an comic image.

20 56. The apparatus of claim 55, wherein the classifying is performed on a set of video frames of a video sequence, and the most likely classification result emerging out the classification results of the individual frames is taken as the class of the video sequence.

25 57. The apparatus of claim 55, the software component further comprising:
a generator of a feature vector from any combination of at least one feature of an
image selected from the group consisting of at least on text block feature
of the image, at least one edge feature of the image, at least one aspect
ratio of the image.

30 58. A method to train image classification, comprising:
measuring sharpness in a first image; and
training a classification model from the sharpness, to classify a second image as a
natural image versus an artificial image, from sharpness.

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5 59. The method of claim 58, wherein measuring sharpness further comprises:
generating a blurred third image from the first image;
determining the difference between the first image and the third image; and
aggregating the difference into a sharpness feature vector, and
wherein training a classification model from the sharpness feature vector further
10 comprises:
training a classification model from the sharpness feature vector.

60. The method of claim 58, wherein generating a blurred third image from a first
image further comprises:
15 applying a Gaussian filter to the first image.

61. The method of claim 58, wherein the first image further comprises a frame in a
video stream.

20 62. The method of claim 58, wherein the first image further comprises all frames in a
video stream.